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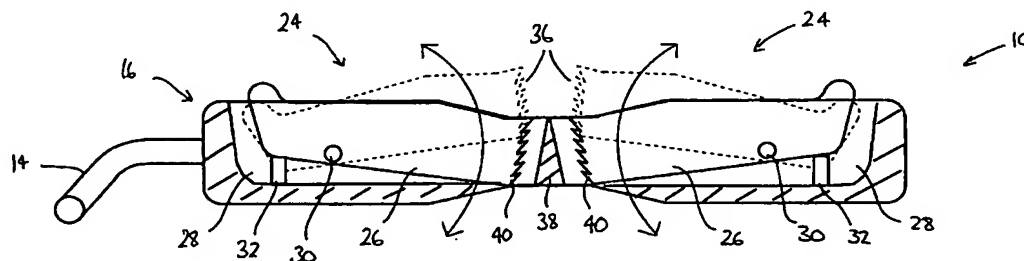
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(57) Abstract: A line tensioning device (10) comprising an elongated body (12) having a line locating region (13) and a hook (14) at a first end (16) of the elongated body, wherein the hook is adapted to maintain the line tensioning device in position after rotation of the device to achieve a desired tension in the line (22). The device comprises at least one aperture (18) through the elongated body and at least one locking means (24) in the form of a pivotally mounted, manually operated lever (26) for securing in position a line passing through one of the apertures (18).